

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: H. TANI et al
Serial No. 09/861,642
Filed: May 22, 2001

Group Art: 1773
Examiner: S. Resan
For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 7, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.